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Mark Your Calendar

Read Your Computer Issue of
"The Flag Hoist" for Dates...

Flotilla 62 Meeting at Cape "D"
Mess Deck @ 1900 hrs.
First Wednesday of the month

Please watch your computer
email for upcoming class dates
on AUX Training Programs, as
many are coming up. Thanks!

Monthly Refreshments 2009:

September/Ward P., October/
Dick W., Nov./Dick S.

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Master Chief Michael Leavitt
addresses the August Meeting
at Cape Disappointment.

Photo: Lee LaFollette

FROM THE BUNKER at Cape "D"... "Welcome Aboard" ~ FC John Reynolds

***Since 1939, the purpose of the Auxiliary is to assist the CG.
"Proud Traditions — Worthy Missions" Team Coast Guard***

Hello everybody,

Well, we are in the middle of 'Buoy 10' and things seem to be going pretty good so far. We have taken part in several SAR's this time, thanks to Sea-Tow not being in the area this year. The 44 is back in operation now and being used for patrols at least once a week. There has been a lot of traffic at the three docks that we cover, mostly due to the above average fish run this year. I hope to see you at the Sept. meeting.

F/C John Reynolds

Just a quick reminder for our upcoming annual Division 6 meetings in Long Beach, Washington on October 17 and 18, 2009. These meetings take place in the Edgewater Inn. Many of our members are collecting Raffle Prizes from local merchants. We are looking for a good turn out from the many Auxiliary Flotillas involved in our Division 6. Please attend the meetings and see what new things are in store for the future of our organization. This is a great opportunity to listen to and voice your ideas and input while our Division & District people are here. There will be a sit-down dinner, followed by our Raffle on Saturday evening. Please help our Flotilla 62 to become a true signature of excellence for the coming years. Thanks and hope to see as many of you as possible at this Division 6 meeting. We are planning a movie night at Cape "D".



Temp. O.I.C. Master Chief Michael Leavitt, Station Cape Disappointment

The past few months have brought the arrival of summer and several positive changes to Station Cape Disappointment. With the buoy ten season in full swing, the helping hand of the auxiliary is at the forefront of operations. This has been highlighted by several tows and all of the boating safety education that has been conducted at boat ramps throughout Oregon and Washington. The combined effort of all auxiliary members has allowed the active duty members to continue on with other missions of the Coast Guard, while maintaining the integrity of the boating safety program. Bravo Zulu to all Auxiliary members who carry on over 70 years of tradition.

As most of you know I have been assigned as a temporary Officer in Charge until the arrival of my relief on September 11th, 2009 in which a change of command ceremony will be held. My relief and the permanent Commanding Officer of Station Cape Disappointment will be Lieutenant Lawrence Ahlin. Mr. Ahlin is a prior enlisted man who worked his way through the enlisted ranks all the way to Warrant Officer and eventually as a commissioned Lieutenant. Mr. Ahlin is a Surferman and brings many years of experience to the Cape. Serving with Mr. Ahlin as the station Executive Petty Officer is Boatswains Mate Senior Chief Eric Benafel. Like Mr. Ahlin, Senior Chief Benafel has many years of experience under his belt. Together with the assistance of the Coast Guard Auxiliary, Station Cape Disappointment will continue to protect and serve the public as we strive for excellence.



“BOAT LAUNCHING FOR DUMMIES”

The picture is of “Boat Launching Gone Wild” and was sent to us by Don Berger. Could it have been that the driver of this pick-up truck actually entered the water at low tide, and spent way too much time in looking for that little black plug that goes into the drain hole? By the time the owner and operator of this boat located the plug and learned how to put it into the hole, the high tide must have come in. This is only a guess, of course. Had this individual taken a USCG AUXILIARY Safe Boating Class, this could all have been avoided...we can only hope.

Photo: Submitted Photo by Don Berger from Internet



ATONs Are There For a Good Reason...

The owner/operator of this very nice Cabin Cruiser must have been in a very big hurry to get to their “fishing hole” as they decided to cut across the channel at an almost low tide where they managed to come aground in a sandy area. Somehow, the other boaters must have known better than to follow after this individual, thus losing a full day of fishing due to not knowing the “Rules of The Road” when it comes to safe boating practices.

Special thanks to SFO-IS Don Berger for taking the time to alert your FSO-PB Lee LaFollette, to this “photo-op”. Another person needing to take our Safe Boating Class is this cabin cruiser owner. Photo: Lee LaFollette

From “Chaps” Frank C. Gillock

Greetings from Chaps Gillock!

This month has been a doozy, as have been the past two. In the month of June I provided services for three memorials, stood my usual watches at the Cape and at the NMLB School and began a very difficult counseling class to boot. July began with school, the Cape, a burial at sea and Auxiliary Crew training. Oh! Did I happen to mention school? Finally, August, Regular days at the Cape, the counseling class ended, and my wife and I took a short vacation, before the next class begins 24 August. I am spending regular days at the Cape and plan to do some crewing for patrol, and I will stand watch at a boat ramp. Not too bad for a Chaplain huh?

I have received good reports from Larry Kellis on Buoy 10, no fatalities, again. Great job everyone! I am also pleased to see people stepping up to the plate to help some of our fellow Auxiliarist who need someone to come alongside. That is what “Fellowship” is all about. Once again, Great Job! We will soon celebrate Memorial Day and we should once again remember those who have given their lives to allow us the freedom to celebrate this great day. We need to remember the Coast Guard men and women who put their lives on the line every day to provide assistance to those who get into trouble. Semper Paradis!

May God bless you all throughout this summer.

Blessings,

Chaps Gillock

Prov. 3:5-6



“Chaps” Frank Gillock returns to Cape “D” after performing a mission at sea, aboard a 47’ USCG Boat. Get Crew Qualified “Chaps”
Photo: Lee LaFollette



Flotilla 62 FSO-SR Janice Weston-LaFollette works the Chinook Dock during our Buoy 10 Season. It was her first time on the dock for this program and she enjoyed volunteering her time for such a worthy cause. Great to visit first hand with our local fishermen and see them safely off and back on a fishing trip. Photo: Lee LaFollette



More Awards Presented

Many new awards for classes taken and passed were issued by Master Chief Michael Leavitt during our month of August meeting at Cape "D". Great way for the Master Chief to get to know who we are and just how much we are interested in doing for the Gold Side with our "special skills" training classes.

Photos: Lee LaFollette



Safety Patrols Assist and Offer Help when needed...

Please volunteer your time as needed to be part of the Safety Patrols as a Boat Crew Member while under orders. Observe other vessels and see what assistance, if any, you may be able to render or report to the US Coast Guard. Emergency Phone Number for Cape "D" is 360-642-2381 and for Air Station Astoria, please use 503-861-6211 or 503-861-6212. Thanks!

Photos: Lee LaFollette

Larry Kellis Photos of CG Picnic at Lake Cullaby



Photos: Larry Kellis

Fact or Fiction.

Join the Coast Guard Auxiliary and get free use of all the boat ramps in the local area.

Fiction.

Join the Coast Guard Auxiliary and have a boat and offer it for use, have it inspected and approved to become an Operational Facility and get free use of all the boat ramps in the local area.

Fact.

It seems like every once in a while this issue pops up and needs to be clarified.

The facts of the matter are simply this: Both the Coast Guard and the Auxiliary do have free use of all of the boat ramps in the local area for their Operational units that need to be put into the water or taken out of the water.

The key word is *Operational units*.

This does not count our personal craft being used for our own personal pleasures.

IPFC Dick Siefert

The 2009 Loyalty Days Parade in Long Beach, on May 3, was well attended. Thanks to all who helped.

Photo: Lee LaFollette



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Joke to Remember, "A good friend will come and bail you out of jail...but a true friend will be sitting next to you saying, 'Damn...that was fun!'"

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> This Mailing List is a One-way list from the Chief Director to the Membership. Questions need to be routed through the appropriate Chain of Leadership and Management. Messages sent to this list are automatically discarded. Unsubscribe instructions are located at the end of this e-mail.

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 > To: ALAUX
 > From: CHDIRAUX
 > Subj: AUXILIARY SEW-ON INSIGNIA -033/09

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 > 1. Coast Guard specifications for sew-on versions of Auxiliary insignia
 > (i.e. - collar insignia for elected/appointed offices; qualification
 > devices) have been developed and applied to production through the Coast
 > Guard Exchange System (CGES). These new Auxiliary sew-on insignia have
 > begun to arrive at CGES stores across the country.

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 > 2. The collar insignia have a black "A" sewn on them. They represent the
 > new sew-on standard for Auxiliary elected/appointed offices, and they
 > replace sew-on insignia that have either a blue or red "A".

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 > 3. Recognizing that many Auxiliarists wear sew-on insignia that have either
 > a blue or red "A", a phase-in period is established for transition to these
 > new sew-on insignia. The phase-in period shall end on December 31, 2010.
 > After that date, the new sew-on insignia shall be the only authorized sew-on
 > insignia for wear on appropriate Auxiliary uniforms.

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 > 4. In addition to availability at CGES stores, these insignia will also
 > soon be available for order through:

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 > - The Coast Guard Auxiliary Association Inc. web site
 > (www.shopauxiliary.com - use the "Members Only" link and
 > login with your Employee ID and Auxiliary e-Directory password).
 > - The Vanguard web site (www.vanguardmil.com/store/index.php).

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 > 5. The Ninth District - Western Region's Material Store will have these new
 > sew-on insignia at the upcoming National Conference in Chicago, IL.

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 > 6. The purpose of this list is to keep Auxiliarists as well as all other
 > interested parties abreast of current developments, policies, manuals, etc.
 > All information contained herein and linked is OFFICIAL policy and
 > information.

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V-Dept Raymatine Recall

August 15, 2009

Raymarine Recall

Raymarine has initiated a voluntary recall of the Raymarine SPX5 Sport Drive Pilot, according to an alert from the company. Raymarine said it has identified a potential component problem with the device, which it has sold since February.

As a result of the problem, the device's mechanical clutch assembly may fail, causing the steering of the vessel to lock in one direction.

Customers should stop using the products immediately and arrange de-installation and return to the retailer/dealer where it was purchased. The retailer/dealer will arrange for a replacement or, if preferred, a refund.

For more information visit their web site at:

<http://www.boating-industry.com/output.cfm?id=2232811>

Source: [Pete Urgola, DC-V]



So many boats out there and lots of opportunities to perform as many Vessel Examinations (VEs) possible. Look good at the docks and have your newly issued inflatable PFD on while performing this function. We need to always set the example of SAFETY FIRST as we meet the general public on the area docks.

Please do get in contact with FSO-VE John H. Lester if you need any forms or Safety Decals. John is ready to help you with any information you may require.

Photo: Lee LaFollette

PLEASE PRINT OUT AND POST ON YOUR CALENDARS...2009 Schedule of Activities...*Subject to Change...*

2009 SCHEDULE of EVENTS/ACTIVITIES FOR FLOTILLA 62 USCGAUX MEMBERS

AUGUST through SEPTEMBER DATES:

| | | |
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| 1 Aug to Sept 2 Ilwaco & Chinook, WA | BUOY 10 | 6am—10am daily |
| 11 Sept Cape Disappointment | Change of Watch | TBA |

OCTOBER DATES:

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| 17 & 18 Annual District 13 Meeting at Edgewater Inn in Long Beach, WA | TBA |
| 28/29/30/31 CG Station Cape “D”, WA | Haunted Bunker 7pm—10pm nightly |

NOVEMBER DATES:

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| 11 Ilwaco, WA | Veteran’s Day | TBA |
| 26 CG Station Cape “D”, WA | Thanksgiving Day Dinner | 12—2pm |

DECEMBER DATES:

Dates Unknown????

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|-------------------------|----------------------------|------------|
| Long Beach, WA | Change of Watch FLT 62 | 6pm—?? |
| CG Station Cape “D”, WA | Children’s Christmas Party | TBA |
| CG Station Cape “D”, WA | Christmas Dinner | TBA |
| Astoria, OR | Change of Command/ALERT | TBA |

MONTHLY MEETINGS:

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| First Wednesday of the Month @ CG Station Cape “D”, WA—Mess Deck | 7pm |
| Last Tuesday of the month @ Seaview Fire Station for Flotilla 62 Staff Meeting | 7pm |

DATES & TIMES ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE

Please DO check with Larry Kellis, FSO-PA for Further Information @ 360-665-2811

TBA means “TO BE ANNOUNCED” times/dates at a later time...to be posted in future issues of **“THE GUARDIAN”...**